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SUBJECT: WMO: OPEC COUNTRIES AND SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1. SEPTEL IN PREPARATION ON PROPOSED DUTCH INITIATIVE
FOR REVIEW WMO SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, DEPT WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
MISSION ABLE DEVELOP IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SEC GEN DAVIES
ON HIS EFFORTS OBTAIN GREATER OPEC-COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO WMO, ESPECIALLY LIKELIHOOD INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO
VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP). DEPT BELIEVES THAT
SEC GEN DAVIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN HIS EFFORTS GENERATE
OPEC COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT WE BELIEVE HIS EFFORTS BEST
DIRECTED TOWARD GREATER SUPPORT FROM THAT SOURCE TO ON-
GOING PROGRAMS OF WMO. DEPT BELIEVES DAVIES SHOULD BE
ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, TO DEAL WITH OPEC MEMBERS ON INDI-
VIDUAL BASIS AND NOT AS BLOC. WE THEREFORE INCLINED DOUBT
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VALUE OF INFORMAL MEETING DURING SEVENTH CONGRESS. BEST

HOPE FOR ACHIEVING INCREASED OPEC COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS APPEARS TO DEPT TO LIE IN SEEKING INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THAT SOURCE TO VAP. VAP RULES ALREADY PROVIDE FOR POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND, AND RULES GIVE DONOR COUNTRIES OPPORTUNITY SELECT PROJECTS THEY WISH TO SUPPORT. BELIEVE THIS BETTER APPROACH THAN ENCOURAGEMENT TO OPEC COUNTRIES TO ACT AS GROUP.

3. DEPT LOOKS FORWARD TO EMBASSY'S REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SEC GEN.

4. FYI: AS NOTED ABOVE, DEPT WILL ADDRESS DUTCH PROPOSAL ON SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN SEPT EL. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, MISSION SHOULD, AS NECESSARY, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DAVIES, MAKE CLEAR THAT WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD TALK TO OPEC COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF INCREASED VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO WMO PROGRAMS AND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OPEN UP SCALE OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS. END FYI.

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